



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: ENGEL et al.

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Entitled: ENHANCED COAMPLIFICATION  
OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

EXAMINER: S. Mummert

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are: [X] Amendment & Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; [X] a check for \$ 2540.00 (check # 8609) in payment of RCE and extension fee; and [X] a return receipt postcard, for filing in the above-captioned patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE	FEES DUE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>× \$52</b>	<b>= 00.00</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>× \$220</b>	<b>= 0.00</b>
<b>FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM</b>			<b>+\$390</b>		<b>= 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE</b>					<b>= 00.00</b>

[ ] Small entity status has been established previously for Applicant(s) in this case.

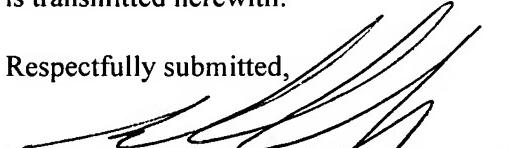
**PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES**

- [X] A check including the amount of \$ 810.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) in payment of the fee for submission of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is submitted herewith (check no. 8609).
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

- [X] Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the paper(s) filed herewith: [ ] \$130.00 for response within first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1);  
[ ] \$490.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2);  
[ ] \$1110.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);  
**[X] \$1730.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4);**  
[ ] \$2350.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5).
- [X] A check including the amount of [ ] \$130.00 [ ] \$490.00 [ ] \$1110.00 **[X] \$1730.00** [ ] \$2350.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith (check no. 8609).
- [X] Total amount of payment in connection with the papers transmitted herewith is \$ 2540.00 {check no. 8609}
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

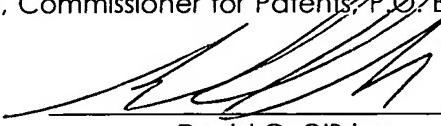
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